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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO SENATE HEARINGS ON TAPES

1. ALL MAJOR PAPERS CARRIED ARTICLES ON TESTIMONY BY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE JULY 23. COVERAGE WAS GENERALLY OBJECTIVE AND INCLUDED BLOCK QUOTES FROM STATEMENTS BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES KATZ AND SMITH. WE HAVE SEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON HEARINGS THEMSELVES AND SUBJECT WAS QUICKLY REPLACED ON FRONT PAGES BY COVERAGE OF TRIP TO WASHINGTON BY PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION AND GOC VOWS TO FIGHT TANKER TRAFFIC IN STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA.

2. TORONTO "GLOVE AND MAIL" JULY 24 CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE BY ROSS MUNRO HEADLINED "OTTAWA RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS PIPELINE LED TO ALASKA DECISION: U.S. OFFICIAL." ARTICLE CARRIES SEVERAL QUOTE FROM KATZ'S TESTIMONY AND STATES THAT GOC "STUBBORN UNWILLINGNESS EVEN TO TALK ABOUT U.S.-CANADA PIPELINE AGREEMENT IS MAIN REASON WHY USG DECIDED TO APPROVE TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE." ARTICLE ALSO QUOTES KATZ AS REVIEWING UNSUCCESSFUL TALKS DURING 1970 ABOUT PIPELINES.

3. ANOTHER STORY BY ROSS MUNRO IN BUSINESS SECTION HEADLINED "U.S. OFFICIALS CLASH ON OIL PIPELINE ROUTE."
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ARTICLE REVIEWED SENATOR MONDALE'S CHARGES AGAINST

DEPARTMENT AND SUMMARIZED SMITH TESTIMONY. MUNRO
CHARACTERIZED HEARINGS AS "A LONG AND SOMETIMES
TORTURED EXAMINATION OF AN APPARENT
BUREAUCRATIC BOTCH-UP OF RECENT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN
OTTAWA AND WASHINGTON REGARDING ALTERNATIVE OIL
PIPELINES FROM ALASKA."

4. SOUTHAM NEWS SERVICE STORY IN OTTAWA "CITIZEN"
CONCENTRATED ON
KATZ'S TESTIMONY THAT GOC HAD REBUFFED U.S. EFFORTS TO GET
AN OIL PIPELINE THROUGH
CANADA.

5. OTTAWA "JOURNAL" INSIDE PAGE STORY HEADLINED "STATE
DEPARTMENT DENIES DISTORTING CANADIAN PIPELINE
POSITION." STORY REVIEWED PASSING OF INFORMATION FROM
GOC THROUGH EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT TO CONGRESS.

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